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 NO.  
 TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 INFO : PARIS  
 FROM : Ambassador RYAN WIK  
 DATE: Oct. 12, 1962  
 SUBJECT: Restrictions on shipping to Cuba  
 REF : Deptel 104  
 Paris for USPO.

I brought up the question of restrictions on shipping to Cuba, in the course of a recent conversation with the Cuban Minister. He said that in the past Icelandic ships had occasionally made trips to Cuba to deliver Icelandic salt fish and to bring back sugar. He said that he did not believe such trips would be affected by our contemplated prohibition, but that he did not want to run the risk of any one thing arising regarding Icelandic shipping. He had therefore advised all Icelandic shipowners that it would not be advisable for Icelandic ships to call at Cuban ports in the future. He explained that he had no legal authority to enforce this advice, but he was reasonably confident that Icelandic shipowners would abide by it.

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